

Amendment No. 1 to SB3293

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 3293

House Bill No. 3290*

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by deleting in its entirety the amendatory language of Sections 1 and 2 of the printed bill and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-7-102(b), is amended by deleting the existing language and substituting the following:

(b) The board shall consist of ten (10) members. The commissioner of veterans' affairs shall be an ex officio, voting member of the board. The commissioner in writing to the chair of the board may designate a staff member to attend meetings of the board or its committees and to exercise the commissioner's right to vote in the commissioner's absence. The nine (9) members other than the commissioner of veterans' affairs shall serve for three (3) year terms, and all such appointments will be subject to review by the joint select committee on veterans' affairs of the general assembly. The governor shall appoint seven (7) members, at least two (2) of whom shall be knowledgeable in the area of nursing home care or health care and at least two (2) of whom shall be knowledgeable in the area of business management and accounting; of the seven (7) gubernatorial appointments, at least three (3) shall be honorably discharged veterans of the United States armed forces. The speaker of the house and the speaker of the senate shall each appoint one (1) member who shall be knowledgeable in any of the following areas: nursing home or health care, business management, or accounting. Nationally chartered service organizations having departments in Tennessee may make recommendations to the appointing authorities. It is the intent of the general assembly that: preference in the matter of appointments be given to honorably discharged veterans; the board be representative of the state's population and

the three (3) grand divisions of the state; and the veteran members be representative of the different service organizations and the different branches of the armed forces.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 58-7-103(5), is amended by deleting the existing language and substituting instead the following:

(5) The authority to make and execute contracts and all other instruments necessary or convenient for the exercise of its powers and functions under this chapter. It is the intent of the general assembly that the board should operate the Tennessee state veterans' homes and pursue its mission within the principles of free enterprise.

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, including the requirements of Title 12, Chapters 3 and 4, the board shall adopt procurement policy and procedures concerning goods, services and professional services (including contracts for the operation of the homes) to be filed with the board of standards for its review and approval. However, all contracts that pertain to the acquisition and improvement of real property must be approved pursuant to § 4-15-102 by the state building commission;

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting in its entirety Section 4 of the printed bill and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it; except that the provisions in Section 1 regarding membership criteria shall be phased in as current terms expire, with the first two (1) vacancies being appointed by the speakers.